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REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 19, 2005.

Claims 1–17 were examined.

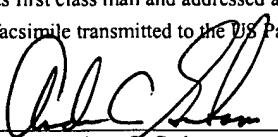
Claim Rejections – Nonstatutory Double Patenting

Claims 1–7 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1–15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,501. Claims 8–17 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1–16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,658,861.

Applicant has filed herewith a first terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) over prior U.S. Patent No. 6,658,861 and a second terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) over prior U.S. Patent No. 6,708,501. Applicant therefore believes the nonstatutory double patenting rejection is obviated and that claims 1–17 are allowable.

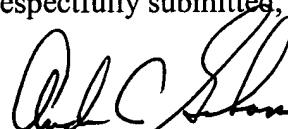
Conclusion

In summary, claims 1–17 are in the case. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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